**NORTH CAROLINA:** 

WAKE COUNTY:

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NO. 91-CRS- 71728

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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**GREGORY FLYNT TAYLOR** 

## DECISION OF THREE-JUDGE PANEL PURSUANT TO NCGS 15A-1469

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before undersigned Judges of the Superior Court sitting as a Three-Judge Panel appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court pursuant to NCGS 15A-1469(a) on February 9, 2010, at a special session of the Wake County Superior Court to hear evidence relevant to the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission's recommendation in the case of State v. Gregory Flynt Taylor, 91 CRS 71728.

The Three-Judge Panel ("the panel") heard evidence on February 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15, 2010. The State of North Carolina was represented by C. Colon Willoughby, Jr., District Attorney for the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and Tom Ford, Assistant District Attorney. Gregory F. Taylor, ("Taylor") the convicted person was present at all times and was represented by Joseph B. Cheshire, V, Maitri "Mike" Klinkosum, and Christine Mumma.

The evidence consisted of the sworn testimony of fifteen (15) persons, including Taylor, the convicted person, who appeared as witnesses at the hearing, stipulations of the State and Taylor, the transcript of the first trial, transcript of the MAR hearing, affidavits of Taylor's prior counsel, and two hearing notebooks containing more than 100 separate exhibits. The evidence was concluded on the afternoon of February 15, 2010.

The hearing was recessed on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in order to provide the panel members with the opportunity to review and consider the evidence submitted by the State and Taylor during the five days of the hearing and other documentary evidence previously submitted including, but not limited to, the trial transcript and transcript of the MAR previously held in this matter.